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1. Director Meyer's visit to Moscow

Director Meyer, the head of the compensation section (Abteilung Kompensation) of the Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade (Ministerium fuer Deutschen Innen - und Aussenhandel), was in Moscow recently to receive instructions for the building of an East German merchant shipping fleet. During Director Meyer's absence from the DDR, all negotiations for purchase of ships by the DDR were discontinued.

2. The construction of a new vessel at the Warnemuende shipyard

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the keel of the first 9,500 ton seagoing motor ship was laid in Warnemuende. According to the five year plan, this keel should have been laid: [redacted] Actually, only the first slip for this type of ship has been completed. With great ceremony a strip of steel was laid on the slip to represent the keel of the first motor ship, but no further work can be done on the ship as there is no material available.

3. Seopolizei recruiting

advertisements were inserted in all East Zone newspapers at the end of March by the Generaldirektion asking for applicants for employment on DDR seagoing vessels. The applicants were to report in person at the offices of the Generaldirektion Schifffahrt.

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- b. On the day fixed for applicants to report, the offices of the Generaldirektion Schifffahrt were taken over by representatives of the Seepolizei who took it upon themselves to conduct the interviews. At a later date, all applicants were called up for service in the Seepolizei.

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